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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, CO

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GAS PIPELINE

1. MCGRAW-HILL PUBLICATION "INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION WEEK STATES" QUOTE: COLOMBIA PLANS NATURAL GAS PIPELINE NETWORK TO SUPPLY HOMES IN SEVEN CITIES. MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY, BOGOTA, EARMARKS 162 MILLION DOLLARS FOR DISTRIBUTION LINE CONSTRUCTION IN 1978. PLANS CALL FOR GAS TO BE BROUGHT SOUTH FROM THE TEXACO-ECOPETROL FIELDS ON THE GUAJIRA PENINSULA TO SERVE THE TOWNS OF RIOHACHA, SANTA MARTA, CARTAGENA, BUCARAMANGA, MEDELLIN, NIEVA AND CALI. AN 80-MI-LONG SEGMENT OF THE PIPELINE NETWORK TO SERVE 10,000 HOMES IN THE PORT CITY OF BARRANQUILLA, IS COMPLETED. FROM CARTAGENA, ON THE CARIBBEAN COAST, THE NETWORK WILL RUN SOUTH TO THE JOBO-TABLON COMPRESSOR STATION AT MEDELLIN, THEN BRANCH OUT TO SERVE BUCARAMANGA, NIEVA, AND CALI, THE INDUSTRIAL HUB OF SOUTHWESTERN COLOMBIA.  
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DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS IS EXPECTED TO REACH 400 MILLION CU M/DAY WITHIN FIVE YEARS. ESTIMATES OF RESERVES AT THE GUAJIRA GAS FIELDS ARE PEGGED AT 3

BILLION CU M. END QUOTE

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS EMBASSY CAN  
DEVELOP, PARTICULARLY ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION  
TIMETABLE AND IDENTITY ANY CONSULTANTS ALREADY ASSISTING  
MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY. VANCE

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